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***ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION***

***FEBRUARY 2, 2004
9:00 A.M.***

***EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
CONFERENCE ROOM***

AGENDA

Call to Order--Roll Call. (All Council Members were present.)

A communication from Mayor Ralph K. Smith requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

**Approved (7-0)
File #110-132**

A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss acquisition of real property for a public purpose, where discussion in open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(3), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

Approved (7-0)
File #2-132-166

A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss disposition of publicly-owned property, where discussion in open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(3), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

Approved (7-0)
File #2-132-166

Items listed on the 2:00 p.m. Council docket requiring discussion/clarification; and additions/deletions to the 2:00 p.m. docket. (15 minutes)

Topics for discussion by the Mayor and Members of Council. (15 minutes)

- Liaison Committee Assignments

File#110

Council expressed an interest in pursuing Atlantic Coast Airlines to provide air service to Roanoke Regional Airport and requested that the City Manager report to Council as soon as possible with regard to investing in a marketing plan.

File #9

Briefings:

- Housing Design Competition - 20 minutes

File#178

- Zoning Update - 5 minutes

File #51

Certification of Closed Session (7-0)

THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS DECLARED IN RECESS TO BE RECONVENED AT 2:00 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, FOURTH FLOOR, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING.



***ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
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***FEBRUARY 2, 2004
2:00 P.M.***

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

AGENDA

1. Call to Order--Roll Call. (All Council Members were present.)

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Peter M. Watts, Pastor, Roanoke Seventh Day Adventist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mayor Ralph K. Smith.

Welcome. Mayor Smith.

NOTICE:

Meetings of Roanoke City Council are televised live on RVTv Channel 3. Today's meeting will be replayed on Channel 3 on Thursday, February 5, 2004, at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, February 7, 2004, at 4:00 p.m. Council meetings are now being offered with closed captioning for the hearing impaired.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT MEMBERS OF COUNCIL RECEIVE THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AND RELATED COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, ETC., ON THE THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR REVIEW OF INFORMATION. CITIZENS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING A COPY OF ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA MAY CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, ROOM 456, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 215 CHURCH AVENUE, S. W., OR CALL 853-2541.

THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE PROVIDES THE MAJORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ON THE INTERNET FOR VIEWING AND RESEARCH PURPOSES. TO ACCESS AGENDA MATERIAL, GO TO THE CITY'S HOMEPAGE AT WWW.ROANOKEGOV.COM, CLICK ON THE ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL ICON, CLICK ON MEETINGS AND AGENDAS, AND DOWNLOAD THE ADOBE ACROBAT SOFTWARE TO ACCESS THE AGENDA.

ALL PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ARE REQUESTED TO REGISTER WITH THE STAFF ASSISTANT WHO IS LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBER. ON THE SAME AGENDA ITEM, ONE TO FOUR SPEAKERS WILL BE ALLOTTED FIVE MINUTES EACH, HOWEVER, IF THERE ARE MORE THAN FOUR SPEAKERS, EACH SPEAKER WILL BE ALLOTTED THREE MINUTES.

ANY PERSON WHO IS INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A CITY COUNCIL APPOINTED AUTHORITY, BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 853-2541, OR ACCESS THE CITY'S HOMEPAGE AT WWW.ROANOKEGOV.COM, TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION.

2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Distinguished Budget Presentation Award in Governmental Budgeting.

File #60-80

Proclamation declaring February 2004, as Love Your Library Month.

File #3-323

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Approved (7-0)

ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEMS. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

- C-1 A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing for Tuesday, February 17, 2004, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, to authorize conveyance of an easement to Appalachian Power Company at the Roanoke Academy for Mathematics and Science.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concur in the request.
File #28-29-467

- C-2 A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing for Tuesday, February 17, 2004, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, to authorize a revocable encroachment into a public right-of-way at 105 Jefferson Street, S. W.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concur in the request.
File #28-169

- C-3 Qualification of the following persons:

Sheri Bernath as a City Representative to the Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare Board of Directors, for a term ending December 31, 2006;

File #15-110-314

Barbara A. Botkin as a member of the Architectural Review Board, for a term ending October 1, 2006; and

File #15-110-249

Jane R. Conlin as a member of the Human Services Committee, for a term ending June 30, 2004; and as a member of the Roanoke Valley Juvenile Detention Center Commission, for a term ending June 30, 2006.

File #15-110-72-305

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.**
- 5. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: NONE.**
- 6. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

a. CITY MANAGER:

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

1. Approval of a special policy to pay military reservists called to active duty and serve between October 1, 2003 and September 30, 2004.

Adopted Resolution No. 36611-020204. (7-0)
File #184

2. Amendment to the City Code to reflect recent updates to the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code.

Adopted Ordinance No. 36612-020204. (7-0)
File #24-70

3. Acceptance of Fiscal Year 2004 Fire Programs Grant funds, in the amount of \$127,202.00.

Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 36613-020204 and Resolution No. 36614-020204. (7-0)
File #70-236

4. Appropriation of funds with regard to the Roanoke Passenger Station Renovation Project.

Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 36615-020204. (7-0)
File #537

5. Approval of a revocable license for installation of an awning sign at 616 Jefferson Street, S. E.

**Adopted Ordinance No. 36616-020204. (7-0)
File #107-169**

b. CITY CLERK:

1. Notice of expiration of the three-year term of office of Ruth C. Willson; and expiration of the term of office of Alvin L. Nash, to fill the unexpired term of Melinda J. Payne, as Trustees of the Roanoke City School Board on June 30, 2004. Applications for the vacancies will be received in the City Clerk's Office until 5:00 p.m., on Wednesday, March 10, 2004.

**Received and filed.
File #15-467**

c. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:

1. Financial Report for the month of December 2003.

**Received and filed.
File #10-60**

7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

**9. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF
ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: NONE.**

10. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- a. Inquiries and/or comments by the Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Members of City Council.

Council Member Wyatt requested an update on integration of technology between the City Treasurer's Office, the Finance Department and the Office of Management and Budget.

File #34-299-301

The Mayor called for a moment of silence in memory of the late Nora Kiser Bell, former President, Hollins University.

File #367

- b. Vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council.

11. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

CITY COUNCIL SETS THIS TIME AS A PRIORITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD. MATTERS REQUIRING REFERRAL TO THE CITY MANAGER WILL BE REFERRED IMMEDIATELY FOR RESPONSE, RECOMMENDATION OR REPORT TO COUNCIL.

John E. Kepley, 2902 Morrison Street, S. E., spoke in support of renovating Victory Stadium and an increase in real estates taxes due to increased property assessments.

File #79-122-162

Jim Field, 17 Ridge Crest Road, Hardy, Virginia, spoke in support of the renovation of Victory Stadium.

File #122

Evelyn D. Bethel, 35 Patton Avenue, N. E., alleged that six positions have been eliminated from the City's Planning and Code Enforcement division, and referred to difficulties encountered by private investors in their efforts to invest in Roanoke's neighborhoods.

File #165-184-200

12. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

- **Six code enforcement positions were moved from Planning and Code Enforcement to the Department of Housing and Neighborhood Services to address code enforcement issues in the City's neighborhoods in a more aggressive manner.**
- **The Assistant City Manager for Community Development will meet with Ms. Bethel following the Council meeting to receive specific information with regard to the issue of private interest investment in the Gainsboro neighborhood.**
File #79-165-178-200
- **The method of real estate assessment in the City of Roanoke is not the responsibility of the City Manager, but the Office of Real Estate Valuation; State Code requires an annual reassessment of real property; and the percentage of increase in real property reassessments in the City of Roanoke is at or below those of other Virginia cities.**
File #79-162
- **Expressed appreciation to City staff for their efforts to clear the streets of snow and ice during the most recent snow event last week which enabled City schools to open on Wednesday, as opposed to the Friday opening by other school systems in the area.**
File #184-410

Appointed the following persons to boards and commissions:

**Total Action Against Poverty
File #110-226**

**James T. Weber, Alternate Member,
Board of Directors
(Waived City residency requirement)**

**Parks and Recreation
Advisory Board
File #67-110**

**Robert C. Jones to fill the
unexpired term of the
Rev. David Walton, ending
March 31, 2005.**

**THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS DECLARED IN RECESS UNTIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2004, AT 12:00 NOON AT THE ROANOKE
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, FOURTH FLOOR
CONFERENCE ROOM, 5204 BERNARD DRIVE, S. W., FOR A JOINT
MEETING OF ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL AND THE ROANOKE
COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS
REGARDING THE PROPOSED WESTERN VIRGINIA WATER
AUTHORITY.**